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1. RE CONSULTATIONS ON SPAIN, YOU MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION TAKE POSITION THAT NECESSARY GATT DOCUMENTS RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON ONLY WITHIN PAST WEEK, NOT PERMITTING COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW BY USG. YOU SHOULD NOTE IN ANY EVENT THAT CHANGES IN SPAIN' S IMPORT REGIME APPEAR TO BE SIGNIFICANT AND COULD HAVE MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR STRUCTURE OF COUNTRY' S SYSTEM OF RESTRICTIONS.
2. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INQUIRE ABOUT SPAIN' S ECONOMIC SITUATION ALONG LINES OF GENERAL QUESTIONS POSED IN PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 12. YOU SHOULD PRESS FOR DETAILS OF RECENT CHANGES IN IMPORT REGIME AND ASK FOR EVALUATION OF THEIR EFFECTS ON SPAIN' S TRADE AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. YOU SHOULD INQUIRE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT PRODUCT COVERAGE, DEPTH OF CUTS, AND ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON LEVEL OF IMPORTS.
3. FINALLY, IN VIEW OF SPAIN' S STRONG RESERVE POSITION, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO REMAINING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS JUSTIFICATION FOR IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AND THAT QUOTA AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS SHOULD THEREFORE BE FULLY LIBERALIZED.
4. WITH RESPECT TO BOP COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF COUNTRIES CONSULTING UNDER ARTICLE 18, WE AGREE WITH MISSION (STEWART/ WILLIAMS TELCON) THAT FULL CONSULTATIONS ARE WARRANTED IN CASE OF YUGOSLAVIA AND GREECE.
5. SIMILARLY, UNLESS MISSION FEELS IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, WE ALSO BELIEVE FULL CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE HELD WITH EGYPT. IN LIGHT OF GOE' S RECENT DECISION TO REORGANIZE FOREIGN TRADE REGIME AND LACK OF TIMETABLE FOR MOVING TOWARD LIBERALIZATION, FULL CONSULTATIONS MAY BE USEFUL WAY OF IMPRESSING UPON THIS RELATIVELY NEW GATT MEMBER IMPORTANCE CONTRACTING PARTIES ATTACH TO DISMANTLING OF TRADE RESTRICTIONS. ROGERS

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